



# New Cambridge Singers

Director: Christopher Brown

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# 2011

## His Name Is Time

**Saturday 12 November, 8pm**

**Jesus College Chapel, Cambridge**

A performance of all of Parry's wonderful *Songs of Farewell*, and the première of *His Name Is Time* by Scottish composer Rory Boyle. Set for choir with solo cello this piece has been specially commissioned by the New Cambridge Singers. The cellist will be Tom Wraith, recently graduated from Cambridge University. The programme also includes J. S. Bach's joyous motet *Singet den Herrn* and Leighton's *Elegy* for cello and piano.

**Tickets:** £12 (students £5) on the door or in advance at [www.newcambridgesingers.org.uk](http://www.newcambridgesingers.org.uk)  
Includes a glass of wine or soft drink. Car parking available in college grounds.

## Welcome Yule

**Saturday 10 December, 7.30pm**

**The Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul, Fenstanton, Cambs.**

A programme of Christmas music old and new, familiar and less well known, including two settings of the traditional words *Adam lay ybounden* commissioned by the New Cambridge Singers. The audience will be invited to join in with some of the carols. Other pieces will include arrangements of well-known carols by Christopher Brown, Paul Bryan and others. Paul Bryan plays the organ.

**Tickets:** £10 (children £5) on the door or in advance at [www.newcambridgesingers.org.uk](http://www.newcambridgesingers.org.uk)  
or phone 01480 465211

## Welcome Yule

**Thursday 15 December, 7.30pm**

**Little St Mary's Church, Trumpington Street, Cambridge**

A blend of traditional and modern Christmas music, and the opportunity to join in. Come and experience the sounds of Christmases past and present in the resonant space of this lovely church. Music will include settings of the traditional words *Adam lay ybounden* and well-known carols in arrangements by Christopher Brown, Paul Bryan (who also plays the organ) and others.

**Tickets:** £12 (students £5) on the door or in advance at [www.newcambridgesingers.org.uk](http://www.newcambridgesingers.org.uk)  
Includes a glass of wine or soft drink.

Note: Further information for all concerts can be obtained by phoning 01223 844513

# 2012

## Big Sing for EACH

Saturday 14 January, 2pm

Great St Mary's Church, Cambridge

Come and join the choir and Corona Brass in music to welcome in the Queen's Diamond Jubilee year, to raise money for East Anglia's Children's Hospices - Handel's *Zadok the Priest*, Stanford's *Coronation Gloria* and Parry's *Blest Pair of Sirens, I Was Glad*, and *Jerusalem*.  
Doors open for registration 1.15pm, rehearsal 2pm, performance 5.30pm. All music provided.

**Tickets:** £15 (audience £10, students £5) from [www.adcticketing.com](http://www.adcticketing.com), 01223 300085 or door

## Lux Aeterna

Saturday 11 February, 3pm

Church of St Edward King and Martyr, St Edward's Passage, Cambridge

Rest those weary shopper's legs and join us for an hour of choral music in one of Cambridge's most historic churches. We will be singing J. S. Bach's motet *Fürchte dich nicht*, John Webb's *Lux Aeterna* and other music on the theme of the Light Eternal.

**Tickets:** £8 (students £3) on the door

## Bach: The Complete Motets

Sunday 25 March, 7pm

Trinity College Chapel, Cambridge

We will be performing all six of J. S. Bach's motets and three other less well known ones. The choir will be joined by the New Cambridge Ensemble, playing on Baroque instruments and led by Rachel Stroud – a rare opportunity to hear these pieces with full accompaniment.

**Tickets:** £16 (students £5) on the door or in advance at [www.newcambridgesingers.org.uk](http://www.newcambridgesingers.org.uk)  
Includes a glass of wine or soft drink.

## From the Sea to the Stars

Saturday 7 July, 7.30pm

Jesus College Chapel, Cambridge

We revisit two major pieces commissioned by the choir: Kelly Crandell's rhythmic *Waves and Imitations*, a work inspired by Bernstein's *Chichester Psalms*, and David Bedford's haunting and evocative *The Soft Stars that Shine at Night*, a setting of poems suggesting a journey through life.

**Tickets:** £14 (students £5) on the door or in advance at [www.newcambridgesingers.org.uk](http://www.newcambridgesingers.org.uk)  
Includes a glass of wine or soft drink. Car parking available in college grounds.

# New Cambridge Singers

The **New Cambridge Singers** was founded in 1986 as a chamber choir with membership open to both Town and Gown by audition. The choir generally gives around six concerts a year, performing both in Cambridge and nearby towns and villages, with occasional forays beyond. Under the leadership of its current director, Chris Brown, the choir has performed a wide variety of *a cappella* music from all periods and styles, with a particular emphasis on Baroque and contemporary British music. In recent years the choir has worked with specialist early music groups in performances of Bach, Purcell and Handel and will be performing all of Bach's motets in March 2012. There are plans for the *Christmas Oratorio* later that year.

The choir has recorded three commercial CDs, *The Glory and the Dream* by Richard Rodney Bennett, *British Music for Choir and Piano* which includes *The Kestrel Road* by Peter Maxwell Davies, and a cross-section of the choir's repertoire on *Cantate Domino*.

We have commissioned a number of works from British composers through the New Music fund and the New Cambridge Songs 'share' scheme and our most recent commission, *His Name Is Time*, set for choir and solo cello by Scottish composer Rory Boyle, will be premiered in November this year.

We are also pleased to be organising our fourth biennial Big Sing for charity, this time in aid of East Anglia's Children's Hospices, to be held in January 2012.

## Contacts

If you would like to be added to our email circulation list and receive the **newsletter** and occasional concert reminders please email: [supporters@newcambridgesingers.org.uk](mailto:supporters@newcambridgesingers.org.uk)  
Email addresses will not be used for other purposes.

If you are interested in contributing to our **New Cambridge Songs** scheme please contact the Chairman, Frank Hopkirk, tel: 01223 861161 or email: [frank.hopkirk.ncs@btinternet.com](mailto:frank.hopkirk.ncs@btinternet.com)

We occasionally have **vacancies** for singers. Please contact the Membership Secretary Philippa Harris, tel: 01223 844513, email: [happy.trout@ntlworld.com](mailto:happy.trout@ntlworld.com)

The choir is available for smaller events such as **weddings or dinners**. For further details or to discuss requirements please contact Dr Charles Jones on 01223 722262 or email: [cj26@cam.ac.uk](mailto:cj26@cam.ac.uk)

For **general and other enquiries** please contact the Secretary, Sophia Anderton, email: [secretary@newcambridgesingers.org.uk](mailto:secretary@newcambridgesingers.org.uk)

The **choir website** is at [www.newcambridgesingers.org.uk](http://www.newcambridgesingers.org.uk)